

# WLTC Newsletter – March 2021

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Grounds – Pieter Rademeyer | Bar – GK Wahl | Clubhouse – Klippies Bezuidenhout | Social/New Members – Andrew Scholtz  
Secretary – Vacant*

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## **Hello to all WLTC members and friends**

A lot has happened at our club since our last newsletter and I want to kick off by thanking each and every member for the fantastic spirit at our club.

### **Hello/Goodbye**

Sadly, we must say a sad farewell to Pam who has taken a new opportunity in Cape Town. We will really miss her as she was such a regular and popular player.

We would like to formally welcome Romeo, Cornel, Stefan, Francois, Liam and Anton as new members. They are not only great players and teammates but also bring new energy to our club.

### **Grounds and clubhouse**

Unfortunately, we suffered some serious losses due to theft of our perimeter fence, fencing on our courts, roof over our patio, our main gate and the gates to the courts. The committee decided to appoint a contractor to install a new precast wall around our property that wiped out most of our savings, but we had only one minor incident since the wall was erected.

The stolen fencing on the courts were replaced and our main entrance was moved from 10th Avenue to Villiers Road which makes us all feel a lot safer while playing tennis and socialising after tennis.

Please contact any of our committee members to get the combination for the lock if you do not have it yet. Please do not distribute this combination to non-members.

We appointed a new contractor that will mow all lawns once a month. All the trees inside our property will be trimmed shortly.

Thank you to all the guys that sacrificed a Saturday to help secure the fencing on our courts.

Any suggestions regarding our grounds can be e-mailed to Pieter Rademeyer at [pieter@pbr.co.za](mailto:pieter@pbr.co.za)

### **Bar**

We appointed a new worker (Cyton) and gave him more responsibilities such as assisting the committee member on duty and with certain tasks in the bar.

Cyton will act as barman from 13:00 Saturdays, soft drinks will be on for sale, but liquor will only be sold from 15:00 onward. Let us all be respectful to one another and start the day with tennis and end with socialising.

We want to reduce the handling of cash and therefore we are busy introducing Snap Scan as a method of payment.

We will allow members to run a tab on a Saturday, but all tabs must be settled before leaving the club on a Saturday.

The full bar will be open on Saturdays. On any other day only beer and soft drinks will be for sale and will be kept in the fridge in the kitchen.

For any bar related suggestions or issues please email GK ([gkwahl@hotmail.com](mailto:gkwahl@hotmail.com)) or Klippies ([klippiesbez@gmail.com](mailto:klippiesbez@gmail.com))

### **Ball Fees**

Ball fees will be payable at the bar where you will receive your peg for the day.

Please try and bring the correct amount (R 20) as change is becoming a problem.

### **Lotto Application**

The committee is in the process of obtaining information to enable us to apply for funds from the lotto to improve our facilities and courts.

For any contributions, please contact Frik at [proffrik@absalmail.co.za](mailto:proffrik@absalmail.co.za).

### **Club Championships**

Thank you for everyone who is involved in the club championships and Sergio for taking charge! Robust tennis has been enjoyed over the past weeks... with an odd upset here or there too.

### **Insurance**

The committee is in the process of obtaining quotes for more insurance options for our club.

### **Discipline**

A book, recording any incidents of bad behaviour will be held at the club and the committee members on duty on a Saturday will be responsible for addressing any member acting outside our accepted codes.

A code of conduct will be on the notice board inside the club house.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Henk who took part in the SA Vets open in Pretoria and made us proud.

### **Finance**

There are still a few outstanding subs and we urge those who haven't paid yet to please do so.

### **COVID 19**

Some of our members experienced the dreaded disease and we all probably know of someone who succumbed to the virus.

COVID 19 certainly had a major impact on our finances as we had no sales in our bar during the lockdown period.

Thank you to everyone who made sure all COVID protocols are in place at our club and let's continue to follow the protocols as per T.S.A.

### **General club news**

We always need new blood on our committee, so please feel free to make yourself available for selection at our next AGM.

The club currently does not have a secretary, members are encouraged to volunteer your services to the committee in this key administrative role.

Our Saturday tennis has been very active, and our Wednesday afternoons are also well attended.

Thanks to Giovanni for organising the Wednesday squad.

Please support our bar as it is an important revenue for our club.

Thank you for all the support from my committee and all the members. We look forward to many happy tennis days.

*See you on court!*

Garth Löest

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